

## United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.usplo.gov

| APPLICATION NO.   | FILING DATE    | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|---|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/684,106  | 10/14/2003     | Richard T. Tilley    | P-6187-04-03        | 3011             |
| 23983 7   | 590 06/23/2004 |                      | EXAMINER            |                  |
| MILLS LAW FIRM, PLLC<br>822 SOUTH WHITE STREET, SUITE 100 |                |                      | WRIGHT, ANDREW D    |                  |
| P.O. BOX 1083   | ,              | 3.100                | ART UNIT            | PAPER NUMBER     |
| WAKE FOREST, NC 27588                                     |                |                      | 3617                |                  |

DATE MAILED: 06/23/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

|  | Application No.   | Applicant(s)                                       |                           |  |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|--|
| Supplemental   | 10/684,106 TILLEY, RICH   |  | IARD T.                   |  |
| Notice of Allowability   | Examiner  | Art Unit   |                           |  |
|  | Andrew Wright   | 3617   |                           |  |
|  | Andrew Wright   | 0017   |                           |  |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication apperall claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS nerewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RI   | (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this app<br>or other appropriate communication<br>GHTS. This application is subject to | olication. If not include<br>will be mailed in due | ed<br>course. <b>THIS</b> |  |
| This communication is responsive to  |   |  |                           |  |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-7</u> .  |   |  |                           |  |
| 3. $\boxtimes$ The drawings filed on <u>14 October 2003</u> are accepted by the  | e Examiner.   |  |                           |  |
| <ul> <li>Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority uners.</li> <li>a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:</li> <li>1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents.</li> </ul> | been received. been received in Application No  |  | ation from the            |  |
| International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).   |   |  |                           |  |
| * Certified copies not received:   |   |  |                           |  |
| Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONN THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.  | of this communication to file a reply<br>IENT of this application.  | complying with the re                              | quirements                |  |
| 5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be subm<br>INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which give   | itted. Note the attached EXAMINER<br>es reason(s) why the oath or declara                                     | 'S AMENDMENT or Nation is deficient.               | NOTICE OF                 |  |
| 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") mus   | st be submitted.  |  |                           |  |
| (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftspers   |   | 948) attached                                      |                           |  |
| 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date   |   |  |                           |  |
| (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner'<br>Paper No./Mail Date  | s Amendment / Comment or in the C   | Office action of                                   |                           |  |
| Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1 each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in t   | .84(c)) should be written on the drawii<br>he header according to 37 CFR 1.121(                               | ngs in the front (not the<br>d).                   | e back) of                |  |
| <ol> <li>DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the depo<br/>attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT</li> </ol>   | SIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL IN FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGIC   | must be submitted.<br>AL MATERIAL.                 | Note the                  |  |
| Attachment(s) 1.   | 5. 🔲 Notice of Informal F   | Patent Application (PT                             | O-152)                    |  |
| 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. ☐ Interview Summary  |  |                           |  |
| 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/  | Paper No./Mail Da<br>08), 7. ⊠ Examiner's Amendi  |  |                           |  |
| Paper No./Mail Date  4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  | 8. Examiner's Stateme   | ent of Reasons for All                             | owance                    |  |
| of Biological Material   | 9.  Other   |  |                           |  |
|  |   |  |                           |  |
|  |   |  |                           |  |

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Peter Sachtjen on 6/22/04. The application has been amended as follows:

Specification, page 7, line 15, after "angle", "A" has been changed to --B--; Specification, page 7, line 15, after "Figure", "9" has been changed to --7--; Specification, page 9, line 10, after "angle", "A" has been changed to --B--; Claim 7, line 23, after "boom", "member" has been deleted.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Andrew D. Wright at telephone number (703) 308-6841. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano, can be reached at (703) 308-0230. The fax number for official communications is 703-872-9306. The fax number directly to the examiner for unofficial communications is 703-746-3548.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for

Application/Control Number: 10/684,106

Art Unit: 3617

published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Andrew D. Wright Patent Examiner Art Unit 3617

fr Warlot